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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT BEFORE ACTION ON THE MERITS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In connection with the above-referenced U. S. patent application, please consider the following preliminary amendment.

AMENDMENT

In the Specification

Line 2, delete "This application relates to" and insert --This application is a continuation in part of and relates to--.

REMARKS

Applicants have amended the related applications section of the specification to correctly identify the present application as a continuation in part application of Serial No. 09/089,838, as the present identification of this prior application was unclear.

No new matter has been added by this amendment, and the amendment was made to put